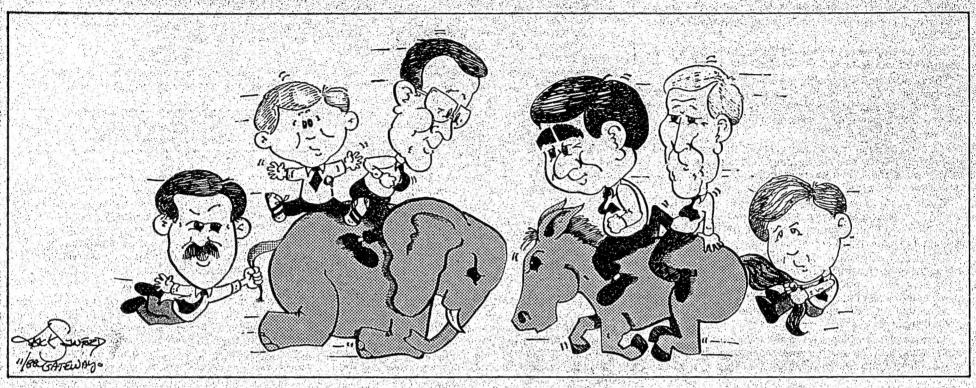
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'You're not going to vote for me'

Chambers speaks on state, Senate issues



Ernie Chambers speaking at UNO last week

By MIKE MULLEN Staff Reporter

Ernie Chambers told listeners at an SPO question and answer forum in the Student Center that issues aren't being discussed in the Nebraska senatorial campaign and the election has deteriorated into a bunch of "bad-mouthing commercials.

Chambers, the Nebraska State senator from the 11th District and a U.S. senatorial candidate for the New Alliance Party, criticized the campaign tactics of Sen. David. Karnes and former Nebraska Gov. Bob Kerrey.

"I think the whole thing has degenerated to a point of silliness that you might expect to find among very young children who are naive and immature and just do whatever they think is in their hands to do to hurt or antagonize their opponent," he said.

The state senator acknowledged to the audience he didn't expect to win the Nebraska senate seat.

You're not going to vote for me, and I know that, knew it in the beginning," he said. "But my job as a public official is to try to help educate the public and raise their awareness about issues and be sensitive to the kind of people who are being sent to represent them.

"What we need really in this country are people who will think and question and be skeptical," Chambers said. Badges and titles should never intimidate anybody into accepting what is said, just because the one who says it has a badge or a title.

Chambers finds fault with the voters of Nebraska for allowing Karnes and Kerrey to avoid the issues.

Each has shown himself to be a whiner, a complainer and a runner and that is what they ought to do," he said. The public has made it clear that these guys don't have to talk about anything, they don't have to address any

The state senator said the public has been conditioned into allowing debates which are not really debates but joint. appearances rehearsed by the candidates in which they give canned answers.

On the issue of Kerrey refusing to debate him, Chambers said, Kerrey 'ran like a thief in the night. That's what he did, and it is the same kind of cowardly spirit he demonstrated while he was governor

Chambers said Kerrey, whose commercials tell the voter how much he cares for people, vetoed a bill passed

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Professor 'feels good' as lowa campaign nears finish

By MARY DIRCKS Staff Reporter

With election day only a week away, UNO professor Gene Freund said he feels pretty good about his campaign.

Freund is running against incumbent, Rep. Jim Lightfoot as a Democratic candidate in lowa's 5th Congressional District.

One of the reasons I'm running is to serve society," he said. "If I can be a model to some of my students, that's great.

The toughest part of Freund's campaign was Sept. 1 when he visited several college campuses, he said. 'Not being at UNO for the start of the school year, I really missed my students," the UNO professor

Freund has been on an unpaid leave of absence since March 30. The Board of Regents bylaws require him to resign his position if he is elected.

If Freund is not elected to office, he said his position as a tenured professor in teacher education at UNO will not be affected.

"it's always an uphill battle," he said.

But he said he expects Dukakis to do well in lowa and he thinks the coattail effect will benefit his campaign.

'This is a David vs. Goliath campaign financially," Freund said. "They (incumbents) have the advantage.

Most incumbents start out with approximately: \$1.5 million before fundraising, Freund said. "They end up with a warchest of about \$2 million," he said. Freund's campaign budget totals \$115,000, he

The statistics are frustrating, the candidate said. "Ninety-eight percent of incumbents are reelected.

The most frustrating part though, Freund said, "is that I'm running against someone, who's afraid to debate," two congressional candidates have had just one debate: "That's not representative of our democracy," Freund said.

Freund said he's been hitting the campaign trail. "The best part is meeting so many people in the different counties in lowa;" he said. His district has 27 counties.



They call him George

Vice President George Bush, raising his arm at right, made a campaign stop in Omaha for Sen. Dave Karnes at the Civic Auditorium Convention Hall last week. From left— Uz Karnes, Gov. Kay Orr, Karnes and Bush. For more on the presidential campaign see pages 6 and 7.

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OPS needs bonds to rebuild shabby schools

Most people don't know about the school bond issue that will be on the November ballots. A private opinion survey by Tarrance & Associates completed Aug. 5 shows 82 percent of the 300 registered voters polled didn't know what the \$56 million bond issue was about and only 7 percent knew it concerned the Omaha Public

Is asking taxpayers to shell out \$56 million over a fiveyear period worth it?

The bond issue is probably the best thing to come on the ballots in several years. As a custodian at Dundee Elementary School for three years, I've been waiting for someone to improve the conditions of schools like Dundee before someone gets hurt.

I've been through about every crack of this school, and I can truthfully say this old building (Dundee was built in 1899 and is the oldest elementary in the system) is in desperate need of repairs.

Starting with the basics, the building is in need of new wiring. The electrical system dates somewhere back into the earlier part of the system, and I wouldn't be surprised if Thomas Edison put it in himself.

It's so bad that when I vacuum a room I have to turn off all the lights for fear that I would short out the whole floor. Either that, or the old plugs (some rooms only have one electrical outlet per room and that's the original "Edison" outlet) will start spewing sparks as soon as I plug something in.

Sparks and bad wiring are the last thing you want in an old building like Dundee because most structures made at the turn of the century were brick insulated with news-

Something like this happened to the old wing (built in 1912) of Adams School a year or two ago when a flame from a paint-remover caught a wood window frame on fire. The flame got into the insulation and the old wing went up like a match.

Luckily, Adams only had two levels, and it was easy for the students and teachers to get out of the building quickly and safely. It was also a nice spring day, and the faculty at Adams already had one fire drill earlier in the day. Every-body was well prepared . . . and lucky notices that are no

But I always wonder what would happen if this would happen if Dundee, which has four levels and about 550 students and faculty, would catch on fire in the middle of January. Any person who would be able to get 500 screaming kids out of a flaming building (Dundee was constructed back in the days where wood was used for floors, roofing and walls) through 11 fire exits deserves a Congressional Medal.

But with the fire problem and the electrical system aside, this elementary school is in need of other basic things such as new plumbing (most of its still copper and lead), painting, plastering and other types of reconstruction on the inside.

On the outside, the grounds are in need of improvements because of erosion (the school is built on a hill). There is also a concern for parking and emergency access. The entrance into the parking lot is only one lane wide, which makes it difficult for large trucks to get in, almost impossible for something like fire trucks to get close to

If you think all of this is bad, guess again. Dundee is actually at the bottom of the list of projects for 1989 to in the septe value weath

Some of the ones at the top are other elementary schools such as Benson West, Central Park and Ashlarid Park. They aren't as old as Dundee, but they are sure in a lot worse shape.

All are in desperate need of more space. Remember the little aluminum buildings that graced the east side of the Arts & Sciences building a few years ago? Central Park has been using several of these "femporary" classrooms structures for the past 30 years.

Most adult UNO students had trouble learning in these tin shacks because temperature couldn't be controlled, pests such as bees and wasps would fly into the room and so on: Imagine being 8 years old and stuck in one of these "classrooms."

As for the other buildings, Benson Park is going to need new exits. Ashland Park (built in 1909) is going to have to be demolished because it's beyond renovation.

Just those three buildings are going to cost more than \$10 million. Other projects, like the renovation of three high schools (North, Benson and South) will run about \$40 million. Is it worth it?

If any of the buildings are in the shape of Dundee, repairs are needed soon. It seems everyone on both sides of the issue seem to agree that the buildings do need repairs. Most are just arguing how all the bills should be paid.

Make sure these changes are done. Your vote on Nov. 8 for the school bonds will make sure of this. Do it for the kids, they need new schools. If not, do it for one nervous janitor who doesn't want to go up flames in a building that should have been repaired years ago.

- STEVE CHASE

Gatevvay picks politicians

In a town where the daily presses can churn endorsements for both Dan Quayle and Dave Karnes, we at The Gateway feel obliged to respond

U.S. PRESIDENT

Let's face it, folks, If Bozo the Clown was Reagan's vice president, held be elected in November probably wouldn't have needed to pick on Dan Rather to do it. The mood for change just isn't out there.

Of the two guys running, Mike Dukakis is our choice. Regardless of the "L" word, he tends to take the best stand on issues affecting higher education, most noticeably student grants. Bush, in contrast, has watched silently for the past eight years as Reagan has tried to assassinate the Pell Grant program.

Who would we have liked to see run? Lloyd Bentsen. The guy has all the Reagan-like mannerisms and none of the senility. The perfect pick to lead a generation who would rather watch the news than make it.

U.S. Senate

Somewhere in Florida, Cece Zorinsky must be sitting in the shade, sipping iced tea, cursing congressional candidate Peter Hoagland and saying "Why didn't it work for me?"

Clandestine candidate Bob Kerrey jumped to the top of the polls early and, unlike Zorinsky's campaign for Congress, never looked back at least not as far as Gateway staffers can tell.

The man who gave us Grandmother's and cartoons and talking flowers has spent most of his time ducking the public. He seems to say the right things, but when you look at his list of contributors, you have to wonder. what he'll do to fulfill his political motivations...

From a guy who might have sold out, to one who's

already sold out - Dave Karnes. Who could vote for the governor's boy ... especially after those Adventureland-like Karnes family caravan commercials?

Our man? Ernie Chambers. He may be off-base on some of the issues, but at least he'll discuss them. Besides, wouldn't it be great to see Vice President Dan Quayle cast the fie-breaking vote on whether to pay Nebraska football players?

It just doesn't matter. Neither of the candidates' records show a strong support for UNO. The best you

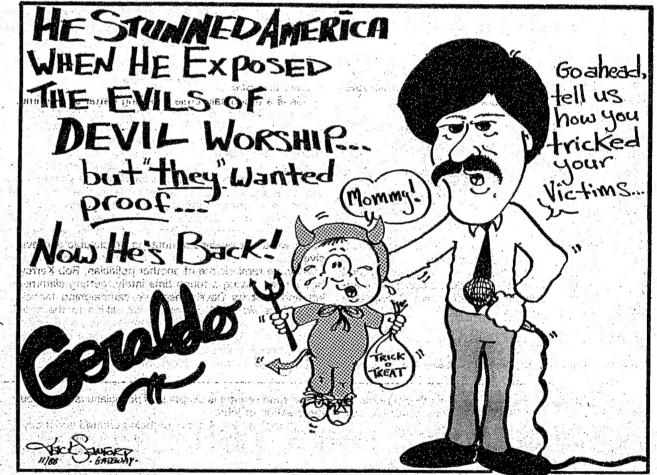
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can do is to close your eyes, mark an "X" and hope for the best. One tip — at least Jerry Schenken has taken the time to visit the campus and shake some hands, and has attended all of the Mays' football games. Gome to think of it, maybe Jerry should get the nod just for watching Sandy Buda's struggling offense. If he can make it through an entire UNO game, he's sure to stay awake in Congress.

NU Regent

Once again, the problem is a record. Rosemary Skrupa appeared from out of nowhere to become the top vote-getter in the primary. You'd think current Regent James Moylan might have taken a hint and started actively campaigning. Nope, The guy has been noticeably absent (as usual) from the UNO campus. Still, he tends to vote the right way in Lincoln.

We just wish he'd visit more often.



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POLITICAL COMMENTARY *

It's only fair . . .

Columnist: The meek shall inherit the wreck

Just a few more days and it will all be over, we'll have a new United States president. Thank God. No matter who we elect, it will be a tremendous relief to have the 1988 campaign over with.

I'm not going to vote for George Bush, my conscience simply won't allow it. But I think he'll win and I hope he does. He deserves Reagan's mess, Dukakis doesn't.

Nobody wants to deal with the reality. Bush is promising to continue the "good times" and the people want to believe the myth as long as they can. How long will that

I have a theory. The current administration, the Republican party, and a huge number of others "in the know," planned the whole thing. George's nomination and victory are part of the plan to make Bush the fall guy - this generation's Herbert Hoover.

You remember Hoover. The guy who took the heat for the big one, the Great Depression. I'm not forecasting a financial disaster of that scope. But, on the other hand, conditions are ripe. And the next occupant of the White House could easily be the scapegoat.

Ronald Reagan has brought our country to the brink of financial ruin. His egocentric desire to be the great American savior will in the long run mean great costs to our country. The damage done by Reagan policies are going to be felt far into the twenty-first century.

People believe that Reaganomics cured us of the "na-

tional malaise" that gripped the country in the late 1970s. But what the current administration has done is put a very expensive coat of paint on a house made of rotting lumber. It looks pretty good from the outside. But the inside is crumbling and the paint is starting to peel.

As a nation we are staggering under the weight of public and private debt almost too immense to comprehend.

Cherie King

Gateway Columnist

Many of our country's financial institutions are solvent only because of creative bookeeping.

Our infrastructure is literally crumbling beneath us. Roads, bridges, and inner-cities are in massive disrepair because we have diverted funds to "more important" areas. Our air and water is filthy, we are endangering our own lives with toxic waste.

We've lost the war on drugs, poverty, and crime. These are not separate issues, and there is a very good reason why we haven't made any progress.

What have we done? We have established the most impressive military establishment in the world. Of course,

you can't eat it, sleep in it, or wear it, but so what? We are the king of school-yard bullies, we can blow up anyone, anywhere, anytime. At least we have our priorities.

Our next president will face enormous challenges. Given the present system, he may not be able to do much. George Bush certainly won't. He has given no sign that he has the qualities required to actually address our nation's problems.

What will happen in the next four years? No one knows. I'd certainly like to believe that our national leaders, our elected representatives will finally wake up to the fact that there truly is no such thing as a free lunch.

Will anyone have the guts to tell the truth and act on it? Will our next president go to the people and tell them. it is time to pay the piper? And that those that have the most will have to give the most.

The candidates have talked a lot about patriotism. Recognizing that your country is in trouble and really doing something about it is the essence of patriotism. It isn't speeches and it isn't flags or pledges. It's making decisions and taking action not because it is politically advantageous but because it is the right thing to do.

Will our next president, our next Congress have the patriotism to stand up to the American people and honestly tell them what they must do, what we all must do? Time will tell, but I'm not very optimistic.

This is one time when I would really like to be wrong.

Political pragmatist provides personal preferences

I have been informed by those in higher positions than myself (namely the editor) that this column should pertain to politics, since, after all, this issue is devoted to politics.

So, here goes: Go Mike, go Dave, go Petel Now, since all the boring stuff is out of the way, let's talk about something interesting. Let's talk about plaid.

No, too controversial. All right, sorry to disappoint you — back to politics. Let's take a look at some major candidates for their important attributes, at least, the ones the normal voter takes into consideration before they vote:

Mike and George

You can already guess who I like from above, but I'm

he's addressing reflects his dress. In junior high and high school this type of behavior was seen as trying to "fit in." By doing so was denying who you really were and conforming to peer pressure. Do we really want a president who is so easily influenced? Mikhail will have a heyday with George.

On the other hand, Mike always dresses in his suit and tie, not really trying to fit into the crowd, just looking uncomfortable naturally. I admire that.

Dave and Bob

This is a tough call. Ernie's looking better all the time. However, I have to go with whom I felt strongest about in the primaries. The reason I liked Dave was because he was so naive to the whole concept of politics. Plus, he had to debate Hal and be civil at the same time. A feat accomplished by few people, but Dave managed.

In the beginning, Dave didn't look like a politician, he didn't talk like a politician, he was just sort of — average. "Average" is open for debate, Dave's transformation into a real-life politician has been quick and dirty, especially since the "few farmers" mishap at the State Fair. Now every word out of Dave's mouth is predictable and eva-

Why, he reminds me of another politician, Bob Kerrey. Bob's been having a tough time lately, getting slammed left and right by Dave's negative campaigning tactics. Even "little old lady" actresses are taking to the radio

waves to defend their Prince Charming.

If you weren't surprised Bob didn't run for the second term as governor, then you probably won't be surprised when he doesn't run for the second term in the U.S. Senate if he wins, either. Bob's got his sights on higher goals. Bob Kerrey for president. Scary, and yet, possible?

Pete and Jerry

I knew the moment after watching the Democratic and Republican forums on campus last April who I'd vote for in the fall elections.

HAlly Milder medical history Unfortunately, she didn't win, and Jerry did: >

Jerry dresses nice and he seems pleasant enough. However, I can't shake that cold, sterile feeling of a doctor's office when I see him at debates. Maybe it's a phobia of doctor's offices I've carried over since childhood. He just seems, well, unapproachable.

Pete, however, is the kind of guy you could split a beer with. He'd even give you the glass that was more full. When Pete shakes your hand he looks you in the eye, grasps your hand firmly, but you know, you just know, his mind is off in three other places. But, he makes the attempt to meet everyone, not just those that look as ifthey have some cash to donate to your campaign.

So, with these new insights in mind, go Mike, go Ernie, go Petel And remember, everyone, the bad political dreams will soon be over, but the nightmare will just begin!

Stacey Meisenbach **Gateway Columnist**

willing to be objective. Now, Mike doesn't smile much, but don't hold it against him. He's got a lot on his mind. He's also shorter than George, but blame that on genetics. Height isn't everything, ask Woody Allen.

George isn't a bad guy. It's just that he's been around Reagan so long I'm afraid the president's convenient amnesia attacks might somehow rub off on him. George also changes his clothes too much. Depending on which group

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by the Legislature to give assistance to indigent pregnant women experiencing a difficult pregnancy, when her welfare or that of the infant was threatened.

The state senator questioned the role and techniques of education.

"People in colleges are in college to get a job. Not to be thoroughly educated and informed about the world to develop a philosophy, a core how she or he will behave," he said.

Chambers stressed the importance of getting more minority students into universities.

I've been working with some administrators down at UNL to get them to recruit more black students and other minority students," he said. "The thing that would help is to have more faculty members, teachers and administrators and courses that have some meaning for them."

The state senator said educators teach students to break knowledge down into parts to make the subject more understandable, but don't encourage the students to transfer the knowledge in other disciplines.

As an example, Chambers said in English class the students are taught the fundamentals of the language, but when an essay answer is written for another class; the teachers don't grade the student on their competence in dealing with the language.

Besides the classes themselves, Chambers took issue with the "Just Say No" approach to drugs being used in the public schools.

Jobs that pay some money and have some dignity are going to have to be made available to young people, said. "If they don't have employment, none of this other

stuff is going to work. "You need to have a strong sense of self-esteem, and a feeling that there is some future for you provided you do certain things to prepare for it," Chambers said.

The state senator is skeptical of politicians talking about

the creation of jobs.
"When they talk about a job being created and it pays
the minimum wage," he said, "that is not really a job the
way I would define one. I would define a job as a job that pays a living wage.

"If a person works a job full time and doesn't make ough to take care of basics, then they have to go to

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—Sen. Ernie Chambers

assistance programs which are underwritten by the taxpayers," he said.

'So the taxpayers are supplementing wages that this person ought to get from the place they work.

The urban poor are not the only people who will need help from the government, he said. The state senator said politicians are unrealistic when they promise to stop the reduction of the number of farmers on the land

"Karnes spoke the truth about farmers, then he backed off a hundred miles an hour," Chambers said.

Karnes in a debate with Kerrey stated there would be less farmers on the land in the future. Karnes later toned down his statement concerning less farmers on the land.

In the same vein, women, another group of growing poverty, will remain discriminated against, Chambers said. Many of the legislators are sexists and unconcerned about women in society and until women become officeholders the situation won't change, he said.

On the deficit, Chambers said taxes will have to be increased.

When politicians talk about cutting into a debt as astronomical as the federal deficit without increasing the revenue that the government has, then you're (politicians). not telling the truth, you all know it," he said.

Cuts in defense are one means of reducing the national debt, he said. Chambers stated a reduction in defense spending wouldn't hurt America's ability to defend itself.

'I believe you can cut 20 percent out of the defense budget and not hurt anything at all that is a legitimate, program aimed at the defense of this country.

What poses a more immediate threat is foreign investment. The state senator stated foreign investors financing the U.S. debt have the potential to harm the U.S. econ-

'If the foreign interests that hold all of the debts of this." country decided to bring America to a halt, they could do it, and there would be nothing this country could do about it." Chambers said.

Chambers defended his ties with the New Alliance Party: and said the group supports gay rights, human and civilrights, decent affordable housing and is opposed to the

The New Alliance Party is an alternative to the tradi-

tional Democratic and Republican parties. La Vonne Roberts, associate professor in the Black Studies department and Student President/Regent Joe Kerrigan posed prepared questions and questions from the audience to Chambers.

★ THE ISSUES

Radioactive waste storage questioned in 402

By PATRICE M. NORTHAM Staff Reporter

Since Nebraska has to house a low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) facility whether or not initiative 402 passes, it might as well house one whose construction and maintenance is held liable by the contrac-

Nebraska might as well build a facility which brings in money to the state and the host community. And it might as well get the benefits of an emergency fund supplied by the other compact states.

Such are the sentiments of Dennis Grams, director of the Department of Environmental Control (DEC) and Nebraska's compact commissioner.

"Whether we're in or out of the (Central Interstate LLRW) compact, we still have to build our own facility," Grams said. Initiative 402, if passed, would set up

legislation to withdraw Nebraska from the legally-binding compact.

"No other state will take our waste. We found that out earlier," Grams said. "And we can't store it at the sites of its gener-

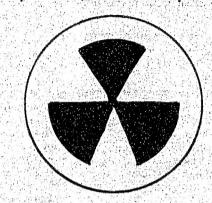
In compliance with Congress's 1985 LLRW Policy Amendments Act, which declared that each state is responsible for the disposal of its waste. Nebraska entered the Central Interstate LLRW Compact. This compact comprises Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Through a bidding process, the compact contracted US Ecology to locate and build the LLRW facility. Grams said a list of criteria, including seismic activity, demographics, geology, economics and especially, the amount of waste generated, was drawn up by the compact. Each state was then ranked accordingly.

Because Nebraska has the highest LLRW

production and the highest projected LLRW production, it was considered to be the best location for the facility. This has caused quite a bit of concern among Nebraskans. A group called Nebraskans for the Right to Vote has been spending a lot of time trying to convince people to vote for Initiative 402.

Lynn Moorer, Lancaster County co-chair



for Nebraskans for the Right to Vote, said, "We've had no say in the matter. But with voter approval, Nebraskans will get to OK the location and design (of the facility).

Jim Neal, director of Public Assistance for US Ecology, said Nebraskans were invited to give their opinions back in 1981 when talk of a compact first began.

People didn't care in the very beginning because no one believed Nebraska would actually be chosen as the host state," Neal said. "Now, suddenly, people want to blame the state for not having told them."

This time, Nebraskans will be able to choose the location and the design of the

Grams said the facility cannot be built without a license from the DEC. Two of Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr's 10 conditions (a list of requirements for the LLRW proposed site) are there must be community consent and that the facility must be an above-ground concrete vault facility, not a shallow-land burial.

At present, 19 counties have expressed interest in hosting the facility. The host county will receive \$1 million a year for 30 years, Grams said.

"When the governor talks, we listen," Neal said. "We think the governor's conditions are the toughest anywhere, but they are achievable. In many cases, they are being put into state law. We have no

intention of going around them."

Nebraskans for the Right to Vote have charged that a shallow-land burial could be installed anyway, since state law allows for such facilities.

However, Neal said, "They know full well that we are putting in an above-ground facility. It's too bad they have to resort to

scare tactics to gain support."
Grams added that federal law requires the location for any facility must first be

suitable for shallow-land burial. Many people are concerned about the possibility of leaks, especially into the ground water.

"One of the conditions is that the compact office must be in Nebraska," Moorer said. "Where is it? It's in Atlanta, Ga." Grams explained, "The office hasn't

moved yet because it'll have to move back to Georgia if Initiative 402 passes. By state law, they will move to Nebraska if 402 doesn't pass."

Moorer also claimed the director of Environmental Control, who is also the compact commissioner, presents a conflict of

State law says that the compact commissioner for the state of Nebraska must be the director of the DEC, and that hap-

pens to be me," Grams said.

Moorer has also charged that US Ecology could ball out any time and "we have no guarantee that the other states will share the costs if something goes wrong."

"Every time a cubic foot of waste is brought into the facility, some money will go into the \$1 million community fund and some will go into another fund for prob-lems that may arise," Grams said. "If there is a problem, US Ecology and

the compact states are liable. It's clear in the state law that all states share the

If Nebraskans vote "yes" to initiative

'Whether we're in or out of the compact, we still have to build our own facility. No other state will take our waste. We found that out earlier. And we can't store it at the sites of its generation."

— Dennis Grams

402, Nebraska will pull out of the compact and have to go it alone.

Martha Andersen from Nebraskans Against 402, said, "The passing of 402 will not relieve us of the obligations of compact membership for up to five years. We will have to fulfill our financial obligations to build a site.

This means Nebraska may have to build a facility out of its own pocket which it may not even be able to use. If so, the state would have to build two facilities.

Nebraskans for the Right to Vote have offered several alternatives. Moorer said

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School repairs: To bond or not to bond?

By BOB MARTINEZ **Contributing Writer**

For the second time in 18 years, Omaha residents will decide the fate of a proposed school bond.

The Omaha Board of Education will place a \$56 million bond proposal on the Nov. 8 election ballot. These bonds would finance a 10-year maintenance and development program for the Omaha Public Schools.

In 1970, Omaha residents voted against the passing of

a similar bond proposed by the district. This year's bond issue has created concern for many

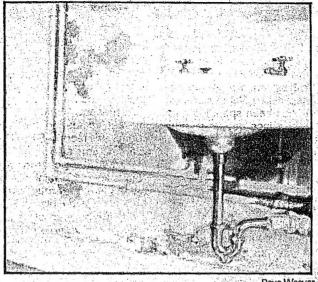
citizens, both for and against the passing of the bonds. A committee working for the passing of the bonds is the Preserve Our School Committee, chaired by Kim Laur-

"The bonds are the best way to finance the needed improvements," Lauritzen said. "The pay-as-you-go method of maintenance and development would take years to accomplish."

The "pay-as-you-go method" is the viewpoint for a committee organized against the passing of the bonds.

Ed Jaksha, vice chairman of the Vote No School Bond Committee, said the needed improvements would be better financed by the use of the Site and Building Fund.

The Site and Building Fund is an authorized statutory fund granted by the Legislature. This fund would allow the school district to increase property taxes without a bond



Renovations in school structures, such as this bathroom in Dundee Elementary School, have been a problem in the Omaha Public School District. How to finance the costs will be addressed with the voters of Omaha on Nov. 8.

"The district can generate about \$12 million a year by the use of the fund," Jaksha said. Jaksha said his committee's biggest concern is the

amount of interest the district will have to pay to borrow \$56 million.

"The interest on these bonds will total \$60 million over the next 20 years," Jaksha said. "To borrow \$56 million, we will have to pay \$116 million; I just can't believe this is the best way to finance the improvements."

Lauritzen compares the bond financing to a mortgage a home owner takes out on his home.

The type of financing the bonds represents are a common form of financing that many people and organizations use," Lauritzen said.

The two committees not only disagree on how to finance the improvements, they also disagree on who should have to pay for them.

"With the use of the bonds, everyone will pay, even future homeowners," Lauritzen said. "The needed improvements will benefit future generations to come, and the bonds will share the cost of these improvements with

Jaksha said he believes the cost of the improvements should be paid for now and not in the future.

"Why stick the burden of financing these improvements to the next generation, giving them a debt that we should have paid for?"

Both committees do agree on at least one thing, however. The public's awareness of the bond issue is pretty low, and that is why the committees were formed.

Waste from page 4

Nebraska could contract with another

state or compact to take its waste.
But Jim Neal said, "Kelly Gold of the Lincoln Star called all the other compacts to see if they'd take Nebraska's waste, and they laughed."

Sam Welsch and the Nebraskans for the Right to Vote have suggested joining another compact but opposition spokesmen wonder who would trust Nebraska if it already pulled out of one compact.

Moorer said Nebraska could build its own facility, but Grams said it may be obliged to take other states' waste and would cost millions of dollars.

If Nebraska stays within the compact, it will only have to take LLRW for 30 years

"We've had no say in the matter. But with voter approval, Nebraskans will get to OK the location and design."

- Lynn Moorer

or until the facility's 5 million cubic feet fill

As Jim Neal put it, "Either pay through the nose or take the site. There really aren't any alternatives."

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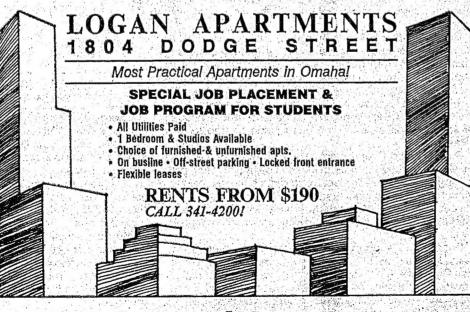
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GEORGE BUSH

Republican presidential nominee George Herbert Walker chusetts, graduating in June 1942. On his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Bush received his Bush, 64, was born in Milton, Massachusetts, on the southern edge of Boston, on June 12, 1924.

His father, the late Prescott Bush, served as U.S. Senator from Connecticut from 1952 to 1962.

Bush attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massa-



wings and commission while still 18, becoming at the time the youngest pilot in the U.S. Navy.

From August 1942 to September 1945, Bush was on active duty. He flew torpedo bombers in the Pacific from the USS San Jacinto, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals for his service.

After World War II, Bush attended Yale University, graduating Phi Bata Kappa in 1948 with a B.A. in economics.

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He was captain of the Yale varsity baseball team.
Following his work for Dresser Industries as a trainee and salesman in Texas and California from 1948 to 1950, Bush was co-founder of a small oil royalty firm, Bush-Overbey Oil Development Company in 1951. In 1953, he co-founded Zapata Petroleum Corporation and one year later, at age 30, he became president and co-founder of Zapata Offshore Company, which pioneered in offshore oil-drilling equipment.

In 1964, Bush was defeated in a bid for the U.S. Senate. His run for the U.S. House of Representatives from Houston in 1966 was successful and he was re-elected to this post in 1968.

In 1970, Bush lost the race for U.S. Senate to Houston businessman Lloyd Bentsen. Senator Bentsen is currently the Democratic nominee for Vice President. In 1971 and 1972 Bush was President Nixon's Ambassador to the United Nations.

After serving nearly two years as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Bush was sent to China, where he served as Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office. In 1976 he was named Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. After leaving the CIA, he taught at Rice University

Following his unsuccessful 1980 campaign for the Republican nomination for President, Bush was Ronald Reagan's choice for Vice President. He was inaugurated on January 20, 1981, as the 43rd Vice President of the U.S. Dave Weaver He was reelected in 1984 control of her hand

DEFENSE & FOREIGN POLICY

<u>DUKAKIS BUSH</u>
 Ending nuclear YES NO weapons testing
 Increased funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars)
 MX Missile NO YES
Production of hemical weapons NO YES
Tougher economic sanctions against South Africa
Military aid to the
Nicaraguan contras NO YES

THE ENVIRONMENT

	DUKAKIS	BUSH
Acid Rain	Reduce annual sulfur dioxide emissions by 12 million tons.	Reduce annual sulfur dioxide emissions by millions of tons.
Clean Water	Ban ocean dumping by 1991; sup- ported renewal of the Clean Water Act.	Ban ocean dumping by 1991; supported Reagan veto of the Clean Water Act.
New Nuclear Reactors	No, until new safety measures are devised.	Yes, with high safety standards.
Offshore Oil Drilling	No, except where environ- mental quality will not be compromised.	Yes, except in sensitive areas.

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Deficit Reduction Plan (first priority)

Increased income taxes

Minimum wage increased to \$4.55/hr

Equal Rights Amendment

Constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion

Universal Voter Registration Act

Child Care

Parental Leave

Increased federal student loans

Guaranteed basic health insurance

VP brings conservation ethic to White House

Note: Below are candidate George Bush's comments about three issues which could affect the student vote.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Education is the great lifting mechanism of an egalitarian society. It represents a proven pathway to a better life. For generation after generation of immigrants fleeing poverty and persecution, the education of their children has been the focus of their lives and the purpose of their personal sacrifices. The challenge of the past has been to break down the barriers to opportunity. It is a task that is not yet finished.

My solutions to funding higher education will include private initiatives encouraging parents to invest for future commitments and government loan programs. I want to make a college education affordable:

• for families without resources to save, I support maintaining work-study, Pell grants for low-income students, and income contingent funds;

■ in July of 1986, I proposed that the federal government create a new College Savings Bond. The bond would do just as regular U.S Savings Bonds do now, except that the interest earned on the hand would be tay bond is applied to expenses at any two or four-year col-

 I proposed that the tax benefits of this program start phasing out for taxpayers with incomes of \$60,000 a year and phase out completely for those with incomes of \$80,000 a year;

 College Savings Bonds would be convenient, simple and safe investment for millions of Americans seeking to save for their childrens' college education. By encouraging more savings, a College Savings Bond program would help families finance college and help reduce the need for large debts to pay off after college;

• the Administration has submitted draft legislation to the Congress incorportating these provisions. Lurged the Congress to give this legislation prompt and favorable consideration; and

 I propose expansion of income-contigent loan programs which adjust required payments annually to reflect a graduate's income after college

THE ENVIRONMENT

I will bring a conservation ethic to the White House. Not only can government make a difference in preserving our environment, but so can the voluntary efforts of private organizations and dedicated individuals in every part of our country. We want environmental regulation based on good research and sound data that is vigorously and uniformly enforced. In the long run, environment protection and economic development are not only compatible, they are entwined. We should encourage industry to identify and provide innovative technological solutions to environmental challenges.

Toxic Wastes: We must push harder on enforcement, streamline and accelerate the process, promote voluntary settlement procedures, reduce regulatory barriers to new and innovative cleanup technologies, and bring the states more actively into the effort.

Solid Waste: There is no single solution to this problem. We must provide incentives for minimizing waste, target research and development in this area, and promote re-

Clean Air: Despite good progress in reducing emissions from cars, factories, and power plants approximately 80 metropolitan areas are still not meeting federal clean air standards. Lam looking to the marketplace for innovative. solutions, like the use of oxygenated fuels.

Acid Rain: It's time to act, we can no longer afford simply to study the problem of acid rain. We must have . a clear commitment to emissions reductions on a clear timetable. I know it is crucial to time any new mandates to industry so they dovetail with new operational developments. I will continue our support for clean-coal tech-

Global Warming: Those who think we're powerless to gout the greenhouse effect are torgetting about the "White House" effect. I will convene a global conference of top international leaders on global environmental problems. Our nation is well-equipped, especially in technical expertise, to give strong international leadership to global environmental problems, like extinction of species, soil erosion, and destruction of tropical rain

Stratospheric Ozone; I am proud of my role in getting the Administration to take the lead in developing and promoting a multilateral agreement to reduce the use of chlorofluorocarbons around the world. For the first time, we have a multilateral treaty that commits countries to take effective action against a worldwide environmental prob-

Outdoors: I support many of the recommendations made last year by the President's Commission of American Outdoors, for example, the encouragement of publicprivate partnerships for recreation, the creation of greenways and strengthening of urban parks, and protection of rivers, streams and wetlands.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

I am committed to equal rights for women. I believe that we can and do ensure equal rights for women more effectively through the state and federal statutes tailored to meet the specific needs of women, but I do not support

I believe in equal rights for all Americans - including women - and that begins with fundamental economic rights that our Administration worked to provide through economic expansion - the longest peacetime expansion in our history.

Bush visits Cornhusker state

Vice President likes Bush-Karne

By TIM KALDAHL **News Editor**

George Bush brought a message to Omaha's Civic Auditorium Convention Hall Oct. 28. He wants Dave Karnes representing Nebraska in the United States Sen-

ate next January.

"It's great to be back in the Cornhusker state," Bush said to the crowd of more than 1,000 loyal supporters; Two high school bands, a Top 40 band and a drum group from a local Legion post were present along with cheerleaders from Omaha Burke and Brownell-Talbot. "And we want a clean sweep in Nebraska."

Karnes immediately proceeded the vice president.

"You can count on Nebraska on election day," Karnes said, "There is a very big difference in the senate race.

"My challenger believes Michael Dukakis should represent us in the White House," Karnes said. Members of the audience booed loudly at the idea. "Mr. Vice President, I want every opportunity to work with you."

"A lot of this really is about the U.S. Senate," Bush said. He told the crowd to keep working up to election day for the party. "I like the ring of a Bush-Karnes ticket, and I don't like the ring of a Dukakis-Kerrey ticket.

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Increased income taxes LAST RESORT

Minimum wage increased to \$4.55/hr.

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CIVIL RIGHTS

DUKAKIS BUSH

Equal Rights Amendment

Constitutional

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Registration Act

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NO POSITION

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THE FAMILY

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Child Care

Federal assistance and standards

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omics will raise your taxes." He gave the audience what has become a feature of his speeches:

"Read my lips — No new taxes," Bush

Bush also attacked Dukakis on his opposition to gun control and his furlough program for prisoners. He referred to the movie "Dirty Harry." Clint Eastwood popularized the line "Make my day." Dukakis, Bush said, used the line "Have a nice weekend" for prisoners.

Another contrast with Dukakis came in Bush's support for a strong defense. A strong defense under the Reagan administration brought the intermediate nuclear missile treaty with the Soviets, he said. Dukakis never saw a defense program he liked, Bush added.

Bush said he supports the death penalty for drug related killings and headstart programs for children near the end of his speech. On a non-campaign note, Bush advocated a line item veto for the president similar to the kind governors in 43 states

currently have. "Only one of us believes America is on the move in the right direction," he said. "Twist and Shout" played Bush off the platform at the end of his speech.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS

Democratic Presidential nominee Michael Stanley Du-kakis, 54, was born November 3, 1933, in Boston, Mas-sachusetts, and raised in nearby Brookline.

His father, Panos Dukakis, was 16 years old when he came to America from Greece in the spring of 1912. His mother, Euterpe Boukis, was just 9 when she arrived the

Panos worked in the mills of Massachusetts, studying at night to complete high school and college. In just 12 years, he became the first Greek immigrant to graduate from Harvard Medical School.

Panos and Euterpe were married a month before the stock market crash in 1929. For 50 years, Panos Dukakis practiced medicine in Boston, working six or seven days a week until he was 82, and delivering more than 3,000

Michael began his political career in the third grade, as president of his class. Known for his brilliance as a stu-dent, he graduated at the top of his class at elite Brookline

At Swarthmore College outside Philadelphia, Dukakis abandoned his pre-medicine studies after receiving a "D" in physics, shifting to political science. He played baseball for Swarthmore, hitchhiked across country, and wrote for

the school newspaper, The Phoenix.
While an undergraduate, Dukakis learned Spanish when he won a fellowship for a summer at the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru.

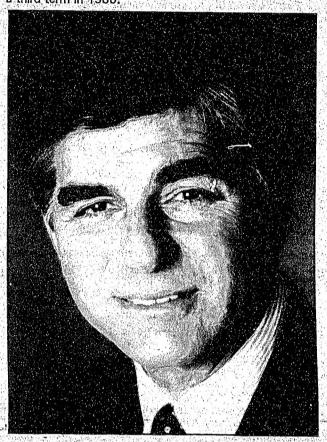
Immediately after graduating, Dukakis was drafted into the Army. He served much of his 21-month stint in Mun-

san, Korea. In 1957 he entered Harvard Law School, where he graduated with nonors, 71st in a class of 468. Dukakis won his first public election, becoming a town meeting member in Brookline, in 1959. A reform Democrat, he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1963.

He lost as a candidate for lieutenant governor in 1970. After serving as host for public television's "The Advo-cates," Dukakis returned to politics and was elected gov-

ernor of Massachusetts in 1974. Shortly after his election, he found Massachusetts near bankruptcy.

In 1978, he was defeated for the Democratic nomination for governor. After serving on the Harvard faculty, he again won the governorship in 1982 and was elected to a third term in 1986.



Dukakis says people 'most valuable resource'

Note: Below are candidate Michael Dukakis's comments about three issues which could affect the student vote.

HIGHER EDUCATION

In America, our most valuable resource is our people. When we invest in the education and skills of our citizens, we provide equal opportunity, we spur national productivity, and we strengthen our economic and national security. To meet the challenges of an increasingly competitive world, we must open the doors of higher education to every student who is qualified to attend.

The foundation for my higher education opportunity pro-

gram is my strong support for our existing loan and grant programs including Pell Grants, Perkins Loans and the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program. We can do better, however, if we build upon this foundation. And so to ensure that all students have the opportunity to receive higher education and the opportunity to attend the school of their choice. I propose the STARS program.

By providing a new source of affordable loans to students - regardless of income - The STARS program will serve four fundamental purposes:

 by providing a supplement for those whose Pell and Perkins grants aren't sufficient, it will ensure that all students are able to go to college;

• to help those working class students who have been squeezed out of eligibility for GSL's or whose GSL's are not sufficient to permit them to attend the college or gradyate school of their choice;

• it will increase the available pool of education grants for lower income students by reducing the default rate; and lowering the number of students who take out subsidized GSL's;

 by preventing students from being saddled with excessive debts, the STARS program will encourage stu-

dents to enter lower-paying public service jobs.

The STARS program would allow students to borrow directly from banks or their financial institutions. These loans would be guaranteed by the federal government and paid back through withholdings of the student's future earnings over their lifetime. Provisions will be created to allow those who wish the ability to "buyout" of the plan at a cost that will protect the solvency of the system. The government would not provide any subsidies or capital, it would act solely as a clearinghouse for the repayments.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Our legacy as Americans includes abundant natural resources and the splendor and varied beauty of our land. But we have also inherited polluted rivers, lakes and harbors, dirty air and toxics and hazardous waste contamination - painful and expensive reminders of past failures to protect our environment. In the future we must use our economic strength in harmony with the environment so that our natural resources are restored, protected and en-

hanced for future generations. We need strong, progressive leadership in Washington to achieve these environmental goals.

I do not subscribe to the belief that we can have either a clean environment or a thriving economy, but not both. In the long run, we cannot have sustainable economic development without careful and sensitive protection of our natural resources. And unless we keep the economy healthy we will not have the resources to make badly needed investments in our environment.

As president, I will once again make the protection of the environment one of our top national priorities. I will:

• require the safe disposal of hazardous, solid and radioactive waste, ensure prompt clean-up of existing waste sites and reduce the generation of additional hazardous chemicals;

• use the power of the federal government to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions and to rid North American skies and waters of acid rain;

 accelerate the federal toxic chemical testing program; protect harbors, rivers and streams by enforcing

strict discharge standards and continuing responsible federal funding of Clean Water Act programs;

protect our groundwater from contamination;

 implement the recommendations of the President's Commission on American Outdoors by acquiring and preserving conservation and recreation lands and reducing exploitative threats to national forests and parks.

• accelerate the search for safe, renewable energy; and support international efforts to solve the fundamental

global crisis of hunger, disease and nuclear proliferation and address the special worldwide problems of deforestation, pesticides misuses, ocean pollution and loss of species diversity.

Maintaining our quality of life requires more than a strong economy. An overall strategy of sustainable growth dictates and aggressive program of environmental protection and responsible stewardship in resource management. At the same time, we must make the scenic recreational beauty of our land a part of the quality of every Americian life.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Our nation has made enormous progress over the past quarter century in fulfilling the promise of the Constitution of the equal protection for every citizen under the law. For the past seven years we have had an Administration determined to turn the clock back. The next President must start that clock moving forward once again.

As a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, as a Governor, and as a candidate for the Presidency, I have had a lifelong commitment to equal opportunity and equal

As President, I will fight hard for a federal Equal Rights Amendment.

Senate candidates show concern over education

By RICHARD L. CUMMINGS Senior Reporter

Education is one of many issues important to the two main party candidates running for Nebraska's U.S. Senate

Bob Kerrey may have had to make budget cuts in education while governor, but it is a priority for him, according to Steve Jarding, Kerrey campaign press secretary. Kerrey is the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate from Nebraska.

'Bob (Kerrey) believes education opportunities should be available to all students who want them," Jarding said. If cuts are to be made, he believes education should be

the last area to be cut.

The program of government guaranteed student loans has been criticized mostly because of a high repayment default rate. Kerrey does not think the default rate is a good enough reason to cut or eliminate the program, Jarding said.

The Democratic Leadership Council has proposed a program where federally funded student aid programs would include a work-for-aid program. Under this program, students would work for the government to pay back part of their student loan. Jarding said Kerrey opposes such a

The real solution, Kerrey said, is to get payments back from the students.

Jarding said Kerrey wants to expand the amount of student loans available to rebuild and reinforce the education system and work force.

'If we don't have highly trained, educated people we won't be able to compete in the world," Kerrey said. He said we must have skilled labor.

The Pell Grant system should remain as it is, according to Kerrey, Jarding said.

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Kerrey, who has taught at the University of Santa Barbara, believes Nebraska needs more applied and basic research and development at the university level, Jarding

Kerrey said Nebraska has a good work ethic, education system and water supplies, and that these things need to be promoted.

Kerrey's opponent, Dave Karnes, also supports state education as a campaign issue. Karnes thinks student loans should be targeted to those who most need the aid, said Brent Bahler, Karnes' campaign spokesman. Karnes is the Republican candidate for the United States Senate from Nebraska.

Bahler said Karnes was involved with recently passed legislation to tighten controls on repayment of student loans. The new legislation will fine those who do not repay loans; the Internal Revenue Service could also be involved so an individual's tax refund could be taken to pay on their toan. If all else fails, a collection agency is hired to recover the loss.

"Dave (Karnes) sees the wealthy getting loans while needy students are getting none," Bahler said. Karnes thinks the fixed assets (such as a home, cars, business) should be removed from the parents' financial statement. on government guaranteed student loan applications, Bahler said:

Karnes said some parents may have many children, three or more who may be in college at one time, but their

fixed assets may prevent their children from getting loans even though the parents cannot afford to pay for all their children's education.

Bahler said Karnes advocates the creation of college savings bond accounts. This would allow families to save money for college tax free.

Karnes supports Pell Grants and has no proposals to cut or increase them, Bahler said.

Karnes said not all programs need to grow, a shift in

funds between programs can increase funding of neces-

sary programs without increasing taxes.
"The priorities of today are not the priorities of 10 years

ago, nor the priorities 10 years from now," Karnes said.
"As the economy becomes more information oriented, education becomes more important," Karnes said. Karnes' wife sits on the District 66 School Board. Bahler said this helps the candidate keep attune of education's

Voting 'makes a difference' says Afghan

By JANETTE THOMAS RIDDER Staff Reporter

"People should vote because it makes a difference," said Hassina Omar, a senior studying broadcasting and a native of Afghanistan.

'Americans have the opportunity to vote, they should make something out of it," she said.

Omar registered to vote in the Student Center and now awaits her registration card so she can cast her ballot for Republican presidential candidate George

Bush.
"I'm voting for Bush because it seems like ever since the Republicans have taken office, I've seen a lot of progress in Afghanistan," Omar said.
"That's not an issue for most Americans, but it is

for me because I'm from Afghanistan," she said. "The war is like another Vietnam; Russia doesn't want to leave because it would be degrading to them."

Omar came to the United States eight years ago because people were being put in jail for "anything."

"My father was minister of Public Health in the pre-vious government," Omar said. "All he wanted to do was build hospitals and they (the Communist government) kept putting him in jail.

"We didn't want him in jail anymore, so we left the country," she said.

Omar said people in this country don't realize the freedom they have.

'If American's could see Afghanistan or Vietnam with their own eyes, the rules, the war, the injustice, they'd learn to respect their freedom."

Campaigns benefit from student help

By TIM KALDAHL **News Editor**

Knocking on doors and setting up signs may not seem to be the most important part of a political campaign, but it does provide the groundwork. Many UNO students are supplying the time and effort in both local and national campaigns.

Graduate student John Majorek has been working as congressional candidate Jerry Schenken's scheduler since last June. Majorek is not the only UNO student working on Schenken's campaign. Former President/Regent R.L. Kerrigan drives Schenken's campaign van and former stu-

dent Sen. Rob Calvert has been organizing volunteers. "Sometimes it's a juggling act," Majorek said. Before working for Schenken, he had been working on Rep. Hal Daub's (R-Neb.) staff. Coordinating appearances and press releases can be a time consuming task for the Republican candidate, he said.

'He needed maybe a little guidance," Majorek said of Schenken. This is Schenken's first run for public office. 'He's just as hard a worker as Hal is."

Schenken's campaign has more than 200 volunteers and eight staffers, he said. On the Democrats' side, Dave Harper has acted as presidential candidate Mike Dukakis's campus coordinator since the lowa caucuses.

"Look at my grades sometime," Harper said. He spends 25 hours to 30 hours a week on the campaign. This is his first presidential campaign working as a volunteer. "It shows quite a bit."

Making signs, canvassing and getting information about his candidate to the public is Harper's job. While the nature of the campaign has changed, the message his candidate is trying to send has been the same, he said.

Our issues have stayed the same since the lowa caucuses," he said. "The media keyed on other issues, like Dan Quayle.

"I think we have a very realistic opportunity," Harper

Chris McClenny has been working not for one candidate, but the entire Democratic ticket at their coordinated campaign headquarters. McClenny is the president of UNO's chapter of Young Democrats.

"It goes to benefit the whole group," he said. He has worked a couple of hours each night for the last two weeks. Making signs, walking the voting districts and working the phone banks is monotonous at times, he said.

"It's basic volunteer work that needs to be done."

"I don't know to what degree licking envelopes will help me," McClenny said. He added that the work's importance won't be seen until after the campaign is done and the candidates are elected.

"It's part of the responsibility of being a good citizen," Harper said.

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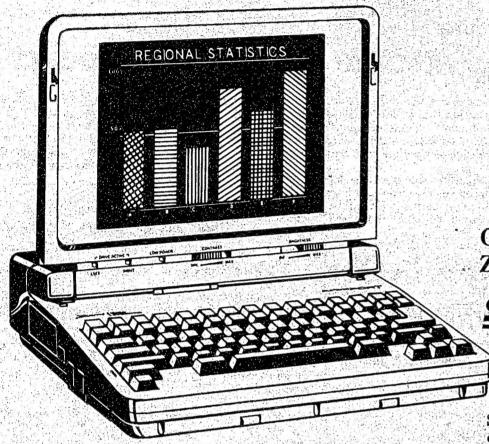
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PACs throw UNO support for candidates

By AMY BUCKINGHAM Staff Reporter

In an effort to educate the UNO faculty on legislative and regents candidates and their positions on university issues, the UNO faculty have organized a Political Action Committee (PAC).

"The PAC has been in the works for almost two years," said Professor Sam Walker, one of the five member PAC, "but we just really got organized this year."

In late September, the PAC sponsored a "Meet the Candidates Coffee" with a number of other UNO faculty groups. Janet West, president of UNO's American Association of University Professors (AAUP), another sponsor of the coffee, said the purpose of the gathering was to help "all of the UNO community, that includes students, faculty and citizens of Omaha, become more politically aware."

Orville Menard, current director of the faculty PAC, said the coffee was also "designed as an informal setting, a social gathering, to allow faculty to get acquainted with all of the candidates."

All of the legislative candidates from the Omaha and Bellevue areas, and the regents candidates from the Omaha, Bellevue and Norfolk areas, were invited to the coffee. However, only a few attended.

The candidates talked with the faculty about various issues, such as expanding a Ph.D. program at UNO, the amount of revenue coming into UNO, research funds for the university and faculty salaries.

Another PAC activity is candidate endorsement. In October, they sent a questionnaire to all the candidates concerning UNO funding, UNO population growth and UNO geographic expansion.

"And on the basis of the answers to those questions, we (the PAC) endorsed five candidates," Walker said. Legislative candidates are Emil Beyer from Gretna and Jerry Chizek, Tim Hall, Dan Lynch and Frances Mendenhall from

"All of the candidates we endorsed will receive a financial contribution from funds donated by UNO faculty members," Walker said.

"It is clear that the candidates we endorsed have the welfare of the UNO campus in mind. Several of the candidates have already served terms in office and have supported the UNO campus," he said. "We are very appreciative and would like to show (them) our support."

Walker said the PAC did not endorse any regent candidates because there was not a clear preference among members

"I think that our endorsements could influence more than just the UNO faculty," Walker said. "They could influence the students."

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"The people that we endorsed could help this campus with more and better faculty, more money," he said. "I would think that these are the kind of people that the students would want in office.

"Also I think that our endorsements could influence nonstudents, people in the community, who want to support LINO"

'Possibility of bias'

Former candidate awaits day in court

Former president/regent candidate Max Peacock still has to wait for his day in Student Court. UNO's judicial body was not able to listen to Peacock's grievances against Election Commissioner Paul Hays' handling of the student election because a justice and her alternate were unable to attend.

The hearing had been scheduled to take place Oct. 27. Witnesses for both Peacock and Hays were present. Two of the justices were not, however. Justices Linda Fredericks and Christina Thorton could not make it to the hearing on time.

Improper election procedures are at the heart of Peacock's charges. Poorly trained poll workers, missing poll workers, certification of ballots and the counting of absentee ballots are all points touched by the allegations.

In the forms filed, Peacock requests the election be invalidated and that Hays not be paid for his work. Hays said he is not worried about the charges or his paycheck.

Chief Justice Carolyn Mouttet and Justice Diane Gettler suggested taping the witnesses' testimony for the absent

"I think it's extremely unfortunate."
—Chief Justice Carolyn Mouttet

members and going on with the hearing. Peacock rejected

"I think there's the possibility of bias," Peacock said. He also said the justices would be unable to ask questions

of the witnesses:
"I think it's unfortunate," he said.

"I think it's extremely unfortunate," Mouttet said. The rescheduled hearing is tentatively set for tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Center. No decision will be made tonight. The judicial save five days after hearing the case to render

Neither party in the case said they had any problem with the new date.

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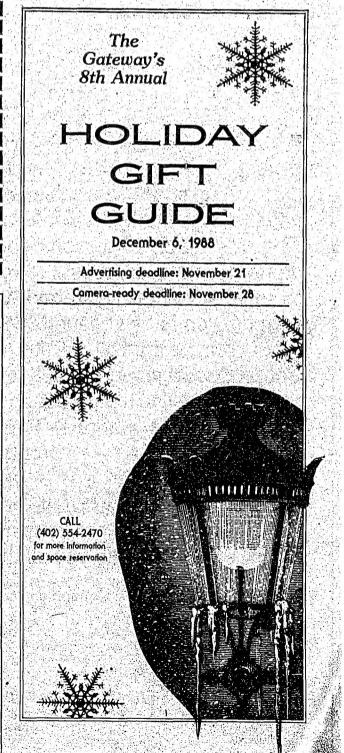


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Electoral College: The plan for diversity

By CHERIE KING Staff Reporter

The race between Michael Dukakis and George Bush could be very close. There has been some speculation that Bush could garner the necessary electoral college votes but lose the popular vote to Dukakis.

This may not be likely, but it could happen. In fact, it

did happen, three times in the 1800s.

John Quincy Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes and Benjamin Harrison all received less than the majority of votes nationwide and still won the presidency. In each case the victorious candidate received the most votes in the electoral college.

Some people do not believe the system is fair. At first glance it does seem to violate the principle of "one man, one vote" that many Americans hold sacred.

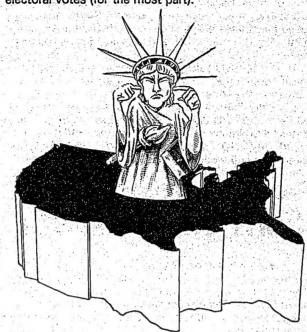
But according to Kent Kirwan, UNO professor of political science, the electoral college is not only fair, but desirable.

"The electoral college is a popular vote system," Kirwan said. "The crucial difference is that the vote is collected state by state rather than nationally."

The electoral college works this way:

Each state is allowed as many electoral votes as they have House and Senate representatives. For Nebraska, that works out to five electoral votes (two senators plus three representatives), for California the number is 47.

As the number of congress members is directly proportional to a state's population, so are the number of electoral votes (for the most part):



In any state, the candidate who receives the majority of the popular vote receives all the electoral votes for that state. So, how could a candidate lose the popular vote and still win the election?

The answer lies in the makeup of the electoral college. Two of every state's electoral votes are not tied to the state's population. Every state has two senators, regardless of size. In the less populated states (like Nebraska), these two electoral votes give the state a slightly disproportionate voice in the outcome of the election. Kirwan told why the United States still uses this system.

'The present system requires the candidates to campaign nationally, rather than simply concentrating their efforts in the large urban areas," he said. "The candidates must be aware of the nationwide diversity of interests and must address those interests."

Kirwan also pointed out that the framers of the Constitution explicitly rejected a national plebiscite. He explained that our nation's founders were afraid that a direct majority vote system would "encourage demagoguery and enhance the possibility of electoral cheating.

It remains to be seen whether the current presidential race will produce a disparity between the popular and electoral college vote.

But, as far as the Constitution goes, no crisis will exist. The electoral college chooses our president, and barring an amendment to the Constitution, will continue to do so.

Both agree on importance of UNO

Congressional candidates differ on funding

By STACEY MEISENBACH Staff Reporter

Omaha's economic development is one issue both candidates for the 2nd Congressional District agree upon.

'As a congressman, I will continue to work to make UNO one of the top institutions in the country," Peter Hoagland, the Democratic candidate for Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District, said.

'Although UNO is important to Omaha's future, its impact on the rest of the state and region cannot be overlooked," he said.

Jerry Schenken, the Republican candidate, agrees with his opponent.
"UNO must continue to develop excellent relationships with the community in order to stop the exodus of our youth to other states," Schenken said. "Thus, we must encourage UNO's expansion; expansion of jobs requires expansion of training and education at UNO.

Hoagland cited the cuts in Guaranteed Student Loans, coupled with the rising increase of a college tuition, as a reason for more federal funding.

"Federal funding for Pell Grants, Guaranteed Student Loans and college workstudy programs must be brought back to at least 1981 levels," he said.

"GSLs have been cut by 39 percent and

the work study program has been cut by 23 percent in constant dollars since 1981," Hoagland said. "We must restore federal funding to basic programs so that every qualified student has the opportunity for a college education."

Schenken said he supports increasing federal funding for education.

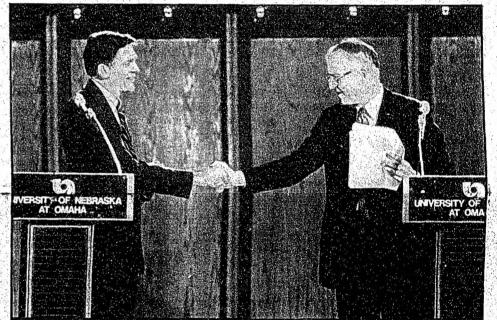
" I support increased scholarship programs so that we can ease the burden on our post-secondary graduates," Schenken said. "Education is a major investment."

"A major item on my agenda is to restore the deductibility of education-related expenses on our tax returns," he saids Businesses are allowed to deduct investment costs -- so should our students.

The issue of a balance budget brings opposing viewpoints from the candidates. Schenken has many times advocated a desire for a balanced budget amendment, though he is not in favor of raising taxes to achieve this.

Hoagland opposes an amendment for a balanced budget. In a September debate on campus, he called the amendment economic quackery, and compared it to, an aspirin commercial that promises fastacting relief."

Hoagland instead favors budget cuts and, if necessary, new taxes to balance the



Peter Hoagland, the Democratic candidate for Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District, left, and Jerry Schenken, the Republican candidate, congratulate each other after a September debate at UNO.

budget, such as raising cigarettes and alcohol taxes.

In the same debate, Schenken said, "a

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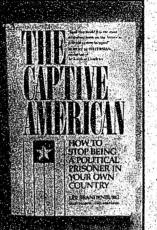
The Captive American is informative, shocking and very

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revealing. Unlike so many politically-oriented writers, the author has taken great pains to present the material in a straightforward and easily understood manner.

The author is very explicit about what he thinks is wrong with America today. But, he doesn't stop with exposing the problems and who is responsible. He also proposes solutions. Concrete steps every American can take to place America's fate back into the hands of the people.

The author has basically divided his book into three sections. He looks at America's leadership, at the economy and at our country's military and foreign policy. In each area, he gives specific examples of the gross abuses of power and authority that have contributed to our current The result is a literary effort that will educate, inform



and hopefully make you mad. That is the author's intention. He clearly hopes to make people angry enough to take action. He makes it clear that if change is to happen, it will have to come not from the leadership, but from the "rank and file."

Some of the author's proposed solutions to our national problems are somewhat radical. Some come off as somewhat flip. While this detracts from the work as a whole, it does not disguise the worth of this book.

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